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MASAHIKO KUBOTA ET AL.

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
FINE STRUCTURED MEMBER,  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING  
FINE HOLLOW STRUCTURED  
MEMBER AND METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING LIQUID  
DISCHARGE HEAD

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The cited references were first called to Applicants' attention in a European Patent Search Report dated December 2, 2003 for counterpart European Patent Application No. 03015757.2-2304-. A copy of that Search Report is also enclosed, and the Examiner is respectfully directed thereto for a concise explanation of the relevance of the cited documents.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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